

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1747 - HB 1767

April 10, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Designates certain psychologists as prescribing psychologists who receive a special certification from the Board of Examiners in Psychology. A prescribing psychologist would have the authority to prescribe and write orders for drugs (including controlled substances) and laboratory tests. The certification for a prescribing psychologist would include fulfillment of certain qualifications and training based on guidelines from the American Psychological Association. Standards and requirements would include education in pharmacology, psychopharmacology and related sciences; a minimum of one calendar year of supervision with at least 100 patients, 300 hours of instruction, and successful completion of a national examination.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$1,200 Recurring
\$2,250 One-Time**

Increase State Revenues - \$3,500

Estimate assumes some additional administrative and computer expenses in the Department of Health. However, regulatory boards are required to be self-sufficient and it is assumed that fees will cover all additional expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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